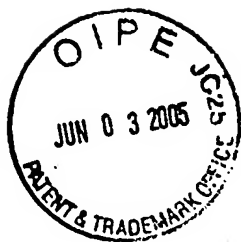


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Prior to further examination on the merits, Applicants submit the following
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